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The Weekly Newsletter of
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW LONDON

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CLUB NEWS

JANUARY 18, 2024

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Victoria Mueller will once again host a **Post Holiday Party** at her home. This is a pot luck event from **6pm to 8pm**. Victoria is always a wonderful host and this is a great opportunity to share fellowship outside our meetings. Spouses and families are welcome. Get the date on your calendar: **January 25th** at 75 Cove View Rd, New London.

We will have a lunchtime meeting that day. Our guest speaker will be New London Public Schools Superintendent Cynthia Ritchie.

Community Meal Center

Our club volunteers on the **2nd Thursday of each month** to serve at CMC. Please let Anna Lathrop know if you can help, anna@gourmet-galley.com. We begin at 4pm and are done by 6:15pm. Your help is always appreciated.

Waterford Rotary

Meetings First and Third **Tuesday** of the Month, beginning November 21, 2023 at Filomena's in Waterford.

Little Free Libraries

The Little Free Library project is a daily club initiative to locate books, secure, label and distribute them throughout the city. Please bring books to our meetings or let one of our stewards (Gail, Christine, Mel, Ray or Julia) know if you need someone to pick them up. Good sources of material are family, libraries, schools, friends, neighbors, places of worship and workplaces. Contact Julia Kushigian-Secor with questions jakus@conncoll.edu.

Rotary International Foundation

Giving to the Rotary International Foundation is a great way to make a difference in the lives of millions. Programs in the United States and around the world benefit from your generosity. It's easy to give through automatic withdrawals and there is no minimum—every donation matters!

To donate to Rotary International, please go to Rotary.org/donate or scan the QR code below.



If you have not yet registered, you will need to log in with password. Choose amount of donation and Fund you would like it to go to. Please be sure to include Club number 6741 and your Rotary membership number. If you do not have it, please contact Ed Cramer at winetalk177@aol.com.

Thank you for supporting the Rotary International Foundation.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

NO PROGRAM

Weekly Meeting

12:00 Noon

at **THE THAMES CLUB**
290 State Street, New London

Jan 25

Cynthia Ritchie

*Superintendent,
New London Public Schools*

For those unable to attend in person, please join us for our weekly Rotary meeting via Zoom. Go to [ZOOM.COM](https://Zoom.com) and click "JOIN A MEETING" and enter the info below.

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GREETER

Jan 18 Mel Foti

INVOCATION

Jan 18 Mel Foti

SONG LEADER

Jan 18 Emma Bocciarelli,
Eastern Connecticut
Symphony Orchestra

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 19 Isabelle Singer

ANNIVERSARIES

None

Save those Rotary Magazines!



Over the next few months, please save your monthly Rotary magazines. In the spring, we will collect the magazines from members and put them out into the community.

Thank you to vice president Mary Lenzini for this idea to help spread the good work of Rotary into our local community.

Rotary Club of New London to be recognized for purchase of Rings

The Rotary Club of New London is invited to attend a New London High School Basketball double header and be recognized for our purchase of the girls basketball championship rings last season.

When: Tuesday, January 30th

Where: New London High School Conway Gymnasium
490 Jefferson Avenue
New London, CT 06320

Time: Girls basketball game tip off at 5:15pm
New London versus East Lyme

Boys basketball game tip off at 7pm
New London versus Winham

Presentation to Rotary Club
just before the boys basketball game at 6:55pm

All members are invited to attend and be on the court for the presentation from the New London Athletic Department. If you want to be included you need to be at the gym by 6:30. Let's have a good showing to represent our club and support the girls and boys basketball teams.

If you have questions, reach out to **Val West** at westv8804@gmail.com or 860-918-0521

Rotary Around the World

Finland

Rotary members are working with the **Finnish Environment Institute** to collect, categorize, and measure trash in the Baltic Sea. "Scientists have little time for this kind of work," explains Liisa Stjernberg, a past governor of District 1420 and a member of the Rotary Club of Helsinki City West. Stjernberg, the Finland country coordinator for the **Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group**, leads a group of volunteer members from her district who monitor blue algae blooms, raise funds for research, and promote marine conservation. In September the group enlisted 22 **Rotary Youth Exchange** students to join a measurement outing off the islands of Suomenlinna. They fished out trash including polymer fibers and shock tube detonators used in construction, Stjernberg says. Afterward they took up their oars for another cause: the Rotary-led "Rowing for Herring" longboat regatta, which drew 300 participants.

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CLUB REPORT JANUARY 11, 2023

by Gail MacDonald



The Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board serves both job-seekers and employers - striving to provide workers with the skills they need for available jobs and to ensure employers have workers with the specific skills that are needed.

David J. Allard, senior manager of talent acquisition for the workforce board, provided members of the New London Rotary Club on Thursday, Jan. 11 an overview of services and benefits the agency provides to the region.

“We have a one-stop approach,” Allard said, referring to the myriad of training programs, internships, job fairs and on-the-job training designed to move people directly from training and skill development to a job. The workforce investment board also works with employers to identify the specific skills they need in workers. They then work with the would-be employees to ensure they have those specific skills.

“We have two customers - job seekers and employers,” he said. For job seekers, the board focuses on the unemployed and underemployed. For employers, the board helps ensure businesses have the workforce they need to be competitive. One program pays half to three-quarters of new employees’ wages while they are training on the job at companies that have contracted with the workforce board.

There are three specific goals of the workforce board, Allard said. These are to help residents prepare for jobs that improve their quality of life, to ensure employers have access to the workers they need to thrive, and, finally, to support overall economic vitality for the region. Both in-person and virtual programs are offered.

In eastern Connecticut, the investment board oversees programs in 41 towns and focuses on jobs in two major sectors: healthcare and manufacturing. It has offices in Montville, Willimantic and Danielson. The workforce board partners with numerous community groups to help provide all the programs and services offered.

In eastern Connecticut, the three major challenges to employment are transportation, affordable housing and access to childcare, Allard said. The workforce board aims to provide job seekers with the training programs that will provide them with the best opportunity for employment. Often, baseline skills can also help pave the way for other types of jobs, he said. For example, most entry-level healthcare jobs may require Certified Nursing Assistant training, but having CNA certification also can open up other opportunities in higher level jobs. In the area of manufacturing, basic skills can be useful in areas ranging from carpentry to electrical, along with factory-type employment.

“It’s really a matchmaking effort,” Allard said. “We align people with the training programs that are best for them.”

Job training programs through the workforce board culminate with job search assistance.

“We try to get people to work as soon as possible because they have an economic necessity,” he said.

Club Officers, 2021-2022

President	Valerie West
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Secretary	Andy Russell
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Immediate Past President	Brian Cole

Board Of Directors

2024	John Bysko, Kate Lee, Mark Spinnato
2025	Lee Cole-Chu, Pam McNulty Hennessey, Todd Gipstein
2026	Andrew Gilday, Mirna Martinez, Tracee Reiser

Club Committees

Rotary Youth Service

Todd Gipstein, *Director*

Student Of The Year	Barry Neistat
High School Awards	Barry Neistat

Rotary Membership

Mel Foti, *Director*

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Rotary Community Service

Gail MacDonald, *Director*

Camp Rotary	Tracee Reiser
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Holiday Book Drive	Anna Lathrop
Community Meal	Anna Lathrop
Service Person/	
Veteran's Day Program	Mary Lenzini
Little Free Libraries	Julia Kushigian Secor
Yale Harvard Regatta	Lee Cole-Chu
Thanksgiving Turkey Fund	Pam McNulty-Hennessey

Rotary International Service

Julia Kushigian Secor, *Director*

Rotary Club Service

Lee Cole-Chu, *Director*

Audit	John Bysko
Awards	
Paul Harris	
Carl Wies	
Tom Wetmore	
Phil Turner	
Nominating	Ed Cramer
Anchor	Todd Gipstein
Music	Chris Neilan
Program	Mary Lenzini
Fundraising Committee	Mel Foti
Golf	Kate Lee, Alex Marku
Brewfest	Keith Turner, Victoria Mueller
By-Laws	Lee Cole-Chu
Picnic	Val West/Ted Rossi
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Public Relations	Brian Cole
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